

REMARKS

Claims 9-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 10-14 were amended in this response to correct informalities. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wizgall et al.* (US Patent 5,630,209) in view of *Hoirup et al.* (US Patent 6,397,054). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejections.

Specifically, the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to teach “providing that a connection only be established from a mobile station in the area to a destination called by the mobile station if the mobile station requesting the connection establishment communicates the sequence “as recited in claim 9 and similarly recited in claims 15 and 16.

The Office Action concedes that this feature is not taught in Wizgall. In this regard, the Office Action relied on Hoirup to formulate the aforementioned obviousness rejection. This is incorrect. Hoirup teaches communicating emergency messages using non-voice connections, where FIG. 1 illustrates an emergency calling procedure for a GSM-based system. When a call is initiated from a mobile station, it transmits a CHANNEL REQUEST message to the cellular or satellite network (step 110). The CHANNEL REQUEST message contains an information element called the "Establishment Cause," which provides the network with the type of call being established. In response to the CHANNEL REQUEST, the network sends an IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT message to the mobile station, directing it to a dedicated control channel on which call setup can proceed (col. 2, lines 17-39). Accordingly, Hoirup teaches that the request is the first message exchanged in the displayed message flow, and as such, cannot contain a sequence that was transmitted before the request. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-16 are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (0112740-1017) on the account statement.

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